



# RREUSE MEMBERSHIP

THE PRACTICAL GUIDE

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# *Becoming a member of RREUSE:*

## *The Practical guide*

### Practical information about joining RREUSE

#### Three steps to apply:

- Before you apply, please [express interest in membership through this form](#). Once you fill in the form, we will contact you to organise a call to make an introduction, discuss expectations and assess eligibility of your organisation. Prior to the meeting, you can read the information about membership in this document and on our website.
  
- To apply, you will be asked to fill in an additional **Application form**, which will be provided to you after the initial meeting. In the application form, you will be asked among others to provide us with a short formal letter to the Board of Directors, your statutes (if available also in English) and any documents that can help understand the nature and activities of your organization (e.g. activity report).
  
- The eligibility of your application will be assessed by the **Board of Directors**. The Board will then decide to give a recommendation to put the application to a **vote by the General Assembly**. RREUSE can vote on new member applications twice a year, at the general assemblies in Spring and Autumn.

Visit our [Governance page](#) to read our statutes and learn more about our Board of Directors.

## Membership categories and eligibility

RREUSE has **three categories of membership**. In order to become a member, your organisation needs to fall into one of the categories.

Applicant	Legal seat	Effective membership	Associate Membership	Supporting membership
<b>Regional, national or international networks of social economy actors and social enterprises</b> (or with a prevalence of members coming from the social economy) active in the field of reuse and/or recycling	In Europe	✓	✓*	X
	Outside of Europe	X	✓	X
<b>Individual social economy organisations</b> active in the field of reuse and/or recycling	In Europe	✓**	✓	X
	Outside of Europe	X	X	X
<b>Municipalities, local and regional authorities, collectives, research and development institutes</b> which share the vision and interests of RREUSE	In or our outside of Europe	X	X	✓

\* The status of associate member can only remain for a maximum of two years after which the organisation must become an effective member, unless there is an objection from the general assembly.

\*\* In the case where no network of social enterprises active in the field of reuse and recycling exists in that country or in the case where an individual organisation desires to become a completely separate member from one of the existing network organisations which already have a status of effective member of RREUSE.

- Meeting all requirements does not mean membership will automatically be granted. Granting of membership for any type of category – even if criteria is met – remains at the sole discretion of the effective members and the general assembly, and should undergo the relevant procedures defined in the internal rules and statutes.
- RREUSE and its members recognize the wide diversity and legal status from country to country as to what a social economy actor is, which may include profit and non-profit actors, public and private actors, cooperatives, associations, charities, NGOs etc. However, the statutes and actions of the organisation must clearly reflect that their purpose is meant to support reuse and recycling activities and/or work integration activities or other social activities aiming at poverty reduction, social inclusion or similar activities. This is also the case where profit generating bodies state that they work to ensure work integration activities or have a predominantly charitable scope for them to be considered social economy actors.

## Overview of membership services and rights

Topic	Service / Right	Effective Member		Associate Member		Supporting member	
<b>Governance</b>	Participation in RREUSE network meetings	✓	Open to attend all member meetings.	✓	Open to attend all member meetings.	✓	Invited to one network meeting a year.
	Participation in the General Assembly	✓	Yes	✓	It remains within the rights of the effective members to restrict this possibility in specific cases.	*	On invitation by RREUSE Board of Directors only.
	Voting in the General Assembly	✓	Effective members have the right to vote.	X	No	X	No
	Right to have seat on the Board of Directors	✓	Yes	X	No	X	No
<b>Knowledge exchange</b>	Participation in Policy and Practice Member Sessions (Online)	✓	Unrestricted Access	✓	Unrestricted Access	*	Two sessions a year are designed with the view of supporting members participating.
	Access to the Member Area on RREUSE website	✓	Unrestricted Access	✓	Unrestricted Access	X	No
	Bi-weekly internal newsletter	✓	Unrestricted Access	✓	Unrestricted Access	✓	The secretariat reserves the right to modify content should it not be suitable.
	Included in Member Session Mailing Lists	✓	Yes	✓	Yes	X	No
	Access to member contacts	✓	Unrestricted Access	✓	Yes	X	No
<b>Communication</b>	Logos on website	✓	Yes	✓	Yes	✓	Yes
	Preferential rates at paid-for RREUSE events	✓	Yes	✓	Yes	✓	Yes
	Inclusion in the online Network Map	✓	Yes	✓	Yes	X	No

## Membership fees

- Membership fees are due annually.
- The fees are calculated based on the Membership category.
- The total membership fees are calculated according to figures from **(year of membership) - 1**
- A membership fee cannot be higher than 10.000 EUR.

## Effective members

Total membership fee = SUM of Sub membership fees 1 + 2 + 3 + 4							
Sub fee 1		Sub fee 2		Sub fee 3		Sub fee 4	
No. employees in the whole network (all members)	Sub membership fee 1 €	Turnover €/million for the whole network	Sub membership fee 2 €	Number of members in the network	Sub membership fee 3 €	Head office turnover €	Sub membership fee 4 €
<100	500	<10	500	<10	500	<500.000	500
<1000	1000	<50	1000	<50	1000	<1.000.000	500
<5000	1500	<100	1500	<100	1500	<2.000.000	1000
>5000	2000	>100	2000	>100	2000	>2.000.000	1250

## Associate members

Turnover €	<50.000	<150.000	<250.000	<500.000	>500.000
Membership fees €	250	500	750	1000	1500

## Supporting Members

a. Individual Municipalities and Regional Authorities plus public body equivalent

Number of inhabitants	<50.000	<100.000	<500.000	<2.000.000	>2.000.000
Membership fees €	250	500	1000	1500	2500

b. Federations/networks of municipalities / cities / regional authorities / public bodies

Combined number of inhabitants	<2.000.000	>2.000.000
Membership fees €	1500	3000

c. Academic, Centres of Research (R+D, think tanks)

Nr. of Staff	1-10	11-20	21-50	51-100	>100
Membership fees €	150	250	350	500	1000

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